

Examples of Level of Detail Requested for Part B of Bettie Brand Mothers' Empowerment Fund Candidate Application – "How The Award Will Be Used"

Please note that Bettie Brand Fund stipend payments are made directly to providers of goods or services that support self-development or help recipients live with greater dignity and independence. The examples below show completed responses to "How the award will be used" with the level of detail needed for us to fully understand and evaluate your application. Please use a similar level of detail when describing how you would use the award funds. Thank you.

Example 1. College tuition (must be an accredited institution)

"I plan to attend Georgia State University for the 2026 – 2027 school year, to complete my Elementary Education Bachelor of Science degree. As a full-time student and a Georgia resident, the expected cost will be \$4,590 for tuition, \$1000 for books and supplies, and \$600 for student fees/semester. The full year cost is approximately \$12,500."

Example 2. Modifications that enable someone with a disability to live with greater dignity and independence.

"If selected as an award recipient, the award funds will be used to support a down payment for an accessible van with adaptive driving modifications that will allow me to operate the vehicle independently from my power chair. These modifications are necessary to enhance independence, including my ability to return to work and to be more involved in the community service and advocacy I want to do.

The average cost of these vehicles with driving modifications is around \$91,000. I have sought and received quotes from two certified mobility vendors, R&R Mobility in Conyers, Georgia, and MobilityWorks in Marietta, Georgia. I have included the recent quote from R&R Mobility, which breaks down the cost of an accessible van and the additional modifications needed for me to drive it.

The Bettie Brand Spirit Award funds will be applied directly to the down payment for one of these vehicles, helping me reduce the amount I will need to finance

personally. Although I hope to seek employment when I can drive, right now I have a limited fixed income and therefore need to finance as little as possible.

Below is a breakdown of the funding assistance I have applied for and/or been awarded to purchase a wheelchair-accessible van.

- Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency - this agency covers the cost of vehicle modifications for accessibility and driving if the person is working or looking for work or attending school. I have already been approved for GVRA assistance. (~\$50,000)
- Brain and spinal injury trust fund - this agency provides a one-time \$20,000 grant for the purchase of accessible transportation. I have applied for this payment and am working with a case manager. (\$20,000)

If selected for the Bettie Brand Spirit Award, I can raise funds or finance the balance.”

Example 3. The cost of daycare while attending school or during a job search (must be a state-licensed daycare provider).

“If I receive the Bettie Brand Mothers’ Empowerment Fund award, it would be used for childcare support as well as residency application fees. As a fourth-year medical student and mother, my days are filled with intense clinical rotations and interview travel. All of this requires high-quality childcare so that my son can be stable while I pursue my professional education. Some of the award would be used to keep that care in place. The rest would be used to help offset residency-related expenses.”

Example 4. EMT certification training and exam fees (must be a certified agency).

“I would use the grant to attend the 20-week EMT training course offered by Grady EMS Academy, operated by Grady Health Services in Atlanta. Tuition is \$2200. The ATI TEAS entrance exam is \$70. The ACEMAPP clearance check is \$50. The general background check is \$100. Upon completion of course, I would

take the National Registry of Emergency Technician's (NREMT) certification exam to become licensed \$140. Total required \$2540.”

Example 5. Cleaning supplies to support self-employment expansion opportunity.

“I would use the grant funds to purchase the following cleaning supplies: Commercial-Grade Vacuum Cleaner - \$1,000, Floor Buffer/Polisher - \$1,500, Cleaning Carts (2 units) - \$800, Mop and Bucket Sets (4 units) - \$400, Microfiber Cloths - \$200, Disinfectant Solutions - \$500, Portable Steam Cleaner - \$700, Floor Cleaner - \$500, Protective Gloves - \$200, Paper Towels - \$300, Trash Bags - \$400, Duster Sets - \$150, Extendable Window Cleaning Kit - \$250, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (e.g., masks, goggles) - \$300. Total \$7,200.”

If you have questions, please email them to pbullock@bettiebrand.org.